



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON  
DISABILITIES  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374A  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012  
<http://laccod.org>**

**Wednesday, March 18, 2015**

**1:00 PM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-1316)

**Attachments:**    [AUDIO](#)

Call to Order. (15-1228)

**President Janet A. Neal called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.**

Present:            President Janet A. Neal, 2nd Vice President John B. Troost,  
Treasurer Winslow C. Reitnouer, Commissioner Carlos  
Benavides, Commissioner John R. James, Commissioner Steve  
Miller, Commissioner Alexia Teran and Commissioner Wan Chun  
Chang

Absent:            Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish

Excused:           1st Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, Commissioner Edward A.  
Colley, Commissioner Michael Gureckas and Commissioner  
Sheila D. Wright

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Receive and file President Report for March 2015. (15-1229)

**President Janet A. Neal thanked Commissioners for attending the meeting. She announced Hugh Hallenberg, spouse of former Commissioner Jane Small had passed. She asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Mr. Hallenberg.**

2. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of February 18, 2015. (15-1231)

**On motion of 2nd Vice President John B. Troost, seconded by Commissioner John R. James, this item was approved with the following amendment:**

**Page 3, Item 7 to read, "...., the letter the Commission is considering today requesting an increase in funding, could potentially impact the 80,000 plus that reside in Los Angeles County. ..."**

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- 3.**    Discussion and recommendation to approve the purchase of an annual subscription of the publication, Disability Compliance for Higher Education, in the amount not to exceed \$250 as requested by the Education Committee. (15-1256)

**During discussion, Commissioner John R. James requested the item be continued to the meeting of April 15, 2015 to allow the Commission an opportunity to review the Budget prior to approval.**

**After discussion, on motion of Commissioner John R. James, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, the item was continued to the meeting of April 15, 2015 without further discussion.**

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## **II. PRESENTATION**

- 4.**    Presentation by Los Angeles County Department of Public Works on blue curb parking spaces for the disabled. (15-1234)

**Leonel Gallegos, Traffic and Lighting Division II (Supervisory District 2) of Los Angeles County Department of Public Works gave a brief presentation on Blue Curb Parking Zones within the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.**

**Mr. Gallegos noted that it was unlawful to park or leave a vehicle within the designated parking zone without a special identification license plate or placard. Only vehicles displaying such plates/placards are allowed. This does not apply on street sweeping days. Per California Vehicle Code 22511.7, the approval of this request designates a parking space for the exclusive use of any vehicle which displays either a special identification license plate issued pursuant to Section 5007 or a distinguishing placard issued pursuant to Section 22511.55 or 225.11.59. The Department of Public Works is not required to designate specific parking places for vehicles displaying special license plates or placards on public streets.**

He also highlighted the necessary procedures of obtaining a blue curb. If a requester does not qualify for a blue curb based on the criteria, they may still qualify for blue curb if they obtain support from the adjacent neighbors in the form of a petition. (4 out of 6 adjacent owners must sign petition)

Lastly, he addressed traffic engineering considerations of the Department and noted that accessible on-street parking spaces shall not be less than 20 feet in length and not less 8 feet in width.

After discussion, Mr. Gallegos answered questions posed by the Commission.

President Neal thanked Mr. Gallegos for his informative presentation. No action was taken by the Commission.

### **III. REPORTS**

5. Receive and file Monthly staff report for March 2015 by Emma De Jesus. (15-1265)

Emma De Jesus, Commission staff, reported there are still two additional Divisions from the Department of Public Works scheduled to present before the Commission. She added a letter inviting presenters from the Community Development Commission/Housing Authority has also been mailed for a presentation in April. The Department of Public Social Services and Department of Mental Health will be scheduled at a later date.

Jason Carnevale, County Counsel provided additional guidelines on teleconferencing. Mr. Carnevale responded to questions posed by the Commission and provided the Commission a written guideline regarding requirements for teleconferencing.

Kimberly Whyte, member of the public, addressed the Commission on accessibility of building elevators.

6. Receive and file Committee Reports for March 2015:

Events / Standing Committee:

Events: Commissioners Neal (Chair), Reitnouer, Teran, Troost

Education: Commissioners Troost (Chair), James, Neal

Transportation: Commissioners Neal (Chair), Reitnouer, Troost, Teran

Housing: Commissioners Welt Narro (Chair), Teran, Neal (15-1235)

**EVENTS - Chair Janet A. Neal reported the Scholarship event is scheduled for June 30, 2015 in Room 372 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.**

**EDUCATION - No report was submitted.**

**TRANSPORTATION - No report was submitted.**

**HOUSING - Chair Janet A. Neal reported that there will be a speaker from Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority for homeless resources at the next meeting.**

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7. Receive and file the Monthly Report by Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Service Support Administrator, Access Services Incorporated. (15-1236)

**Andre Colaiace, Deputy Executive Director, Planning and Governmental Affairs and Stephen Wrenn of Access Services, Incorporated reported on their "No Show" policy approved last month by the Access Board (Board). The effective date will be April 1, 2015 and full implementation is set for July 1, 2015. He also reported that the Fare System proposal is awaiting disapproval/approval by their Board. The Fare System proposal appeal petition has also been circulated to the community.**

**President Janet A. Neal requested for taxi coupons to be provided by Access Services.**

**On motion of Commissioner Winslow C. Reitnouer, seconded by Commissioner John R. James, there being no objection, the report was received and filed.**

8. Receive and file the Access Services, Incorporated Board of Directors meeting report of March 2015 by 2nd Vice President John Troost. (15-1237)

**Commissioner Carlos Benavides read in 2nd Vice President John B. Troost's Access Services, Incorporated Board meeting report.**

**After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Winslow C. Reitnouer, seconded by Commissioner John R. James, there being no objection, the report was received and filed.**

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9. Receive and file the monthly report presented by Giovanna Gogreve, ADA Para-Transit Program Administrator for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO). (15-0805)

**Jess Segovia reported on the upcoming events METRO will be supporting including the 25th ADA Anniversary and the Special Olympics. He announced that there will be a meeting on April 9, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at Metro Union Station.**

**In response to Commissioner Steve Miller's inquiry, Mr. Segovia reported that Metro provides an anticipated 90,000 mobility devices and riderships every month.**

**Genevieve Clavreul, member of the public, addressed the Commission on scooter restriction at METRO train stations.**

**Sawako Nitao, member of the public, addressed the Commission on an accident that happened at a METRO Blue Line.**

**After discussion, by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.**

10. Receive and file Commissioner Announcements for March 2015. (15-1239)

**President Janet A. Neal appointed Commissioners John James, as Chair and Alexia Teran, as Co-Chair of the Nominating Committee. Election of Officers will take place on June 17, 2015 meeting.**

**Commissioner Alexia Teran announced the 8th Annual Peace Walk to be held on April 18, 2015 at the Northeast Los Angeles Neighborhood Council, Los Angeles.**

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS****Matters Not Posted**

11. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (15-1241)

**Kathleen Austria, Second District Liaison, addressed the Commission and stated she is working with other District deputies to address Commission vacancies. She will report back to the Commission on any developments.**

**No matters were posted.**

**Public Comment**

12. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (15-1242)

**Chanh To, member of the public announced the 3rd Annual Community Forum on Breaking the Silence on Asian American Mental Health: Every Mind Matters, Each Life Matters to be held on April 8, 2015 at The California Endowment Center.**

**Kenneth Crawford, member of the public, addressed the Commission on The 1st Homeless Music Concert, "We are all one family" to be held on April 10, 2015 at MacArthur Park outdoor stage.**

**Mee Ha Chun, member of the public, addressed the Commission on the Center for Disabled in Korea and Homeless Help Center for disabled homelessness.**

**Genevieve Clavreul, member of the public, addressed the Commission on the merger of the Department of Public Health, Department of Health Services and Department of Mental Health.**

**Linda Block, member of the public, addressed the Commission on affordable gas bills.**

**Adjournment**

13. Adjournment for the meeting of March 18, 2015. (15-1243)

**On motion of Commissioner Steve Miller, seconded by Commissioner Alexia Teran, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.**